



Education Policy Overview



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About SCORE

- The State Collaborative on Reforming Education (SCORE) drives collaboration on policy and practice to ensure student success across Tennessee.
- We are an independent, nonprofit, and nonpartisan advocacy and research organization, founded in 2009 by Senator Bill Frist, MD, former U.S. Senate majority leader.

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K-12 Education Policy History

The Tennessee Story


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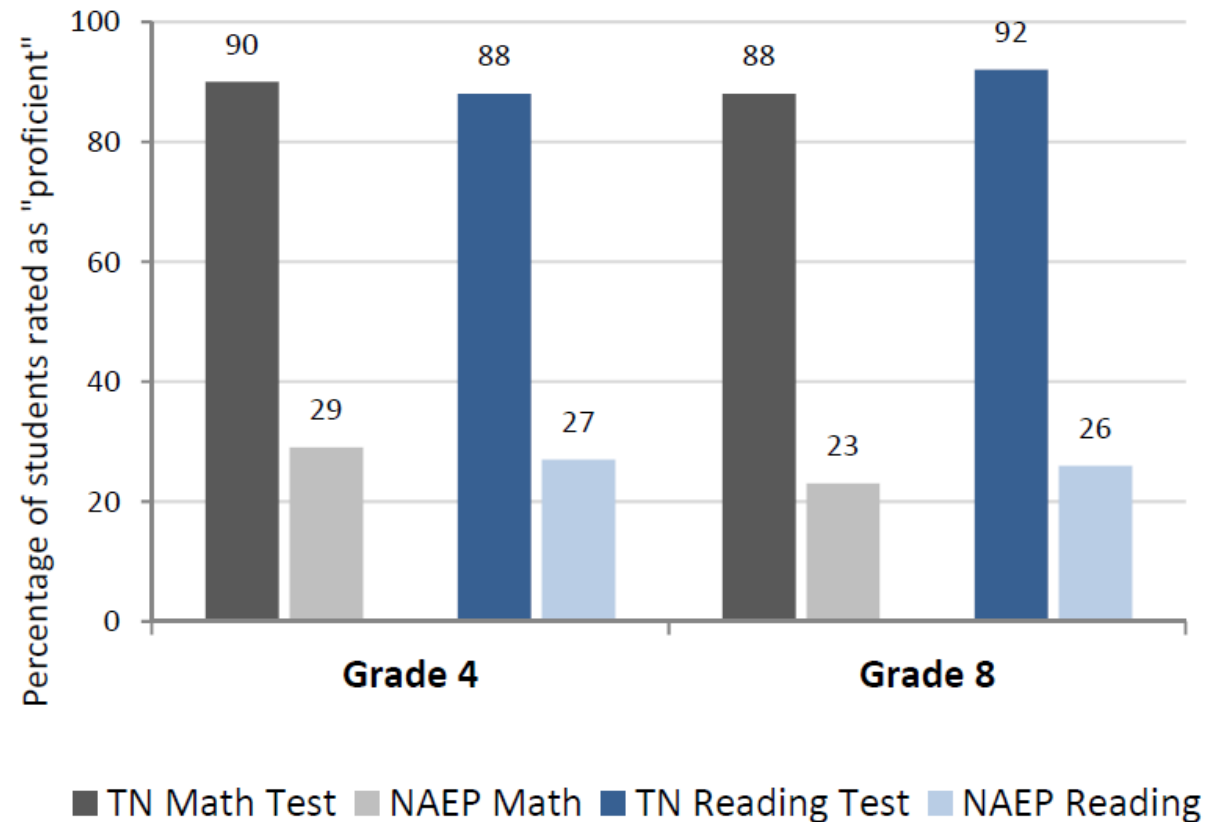
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2007: Three F's from the US Chamber of Commerce

- Truth in advertising about student proficiency
- Academic achievement of low-income and minority students
- Postsecondary and workforce readiness



TENNESSEE'S EDUCATION FOUNDATIONS TIMELINE

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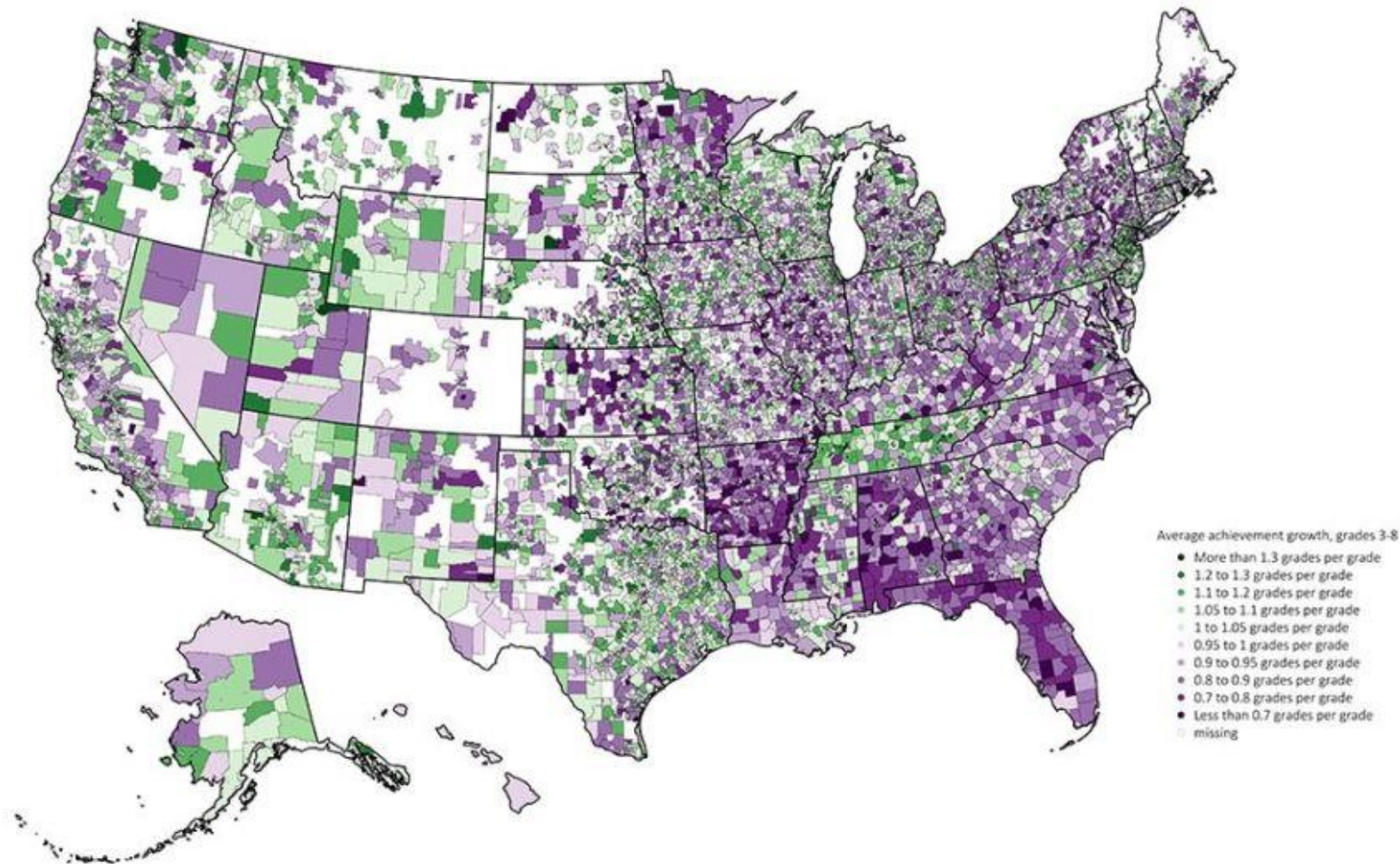
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- A vertical timeline with a central line and horizontal bars extending to the left and right. The left bars are light blue and the right bars are light green. The timeline is divided into segments by horizontal lines. The years 2013, 2015, 2016, 2018, and 2019 are on the left, while 2016 and 2018 are on the right. The descriptions are on the right side of the timeline.
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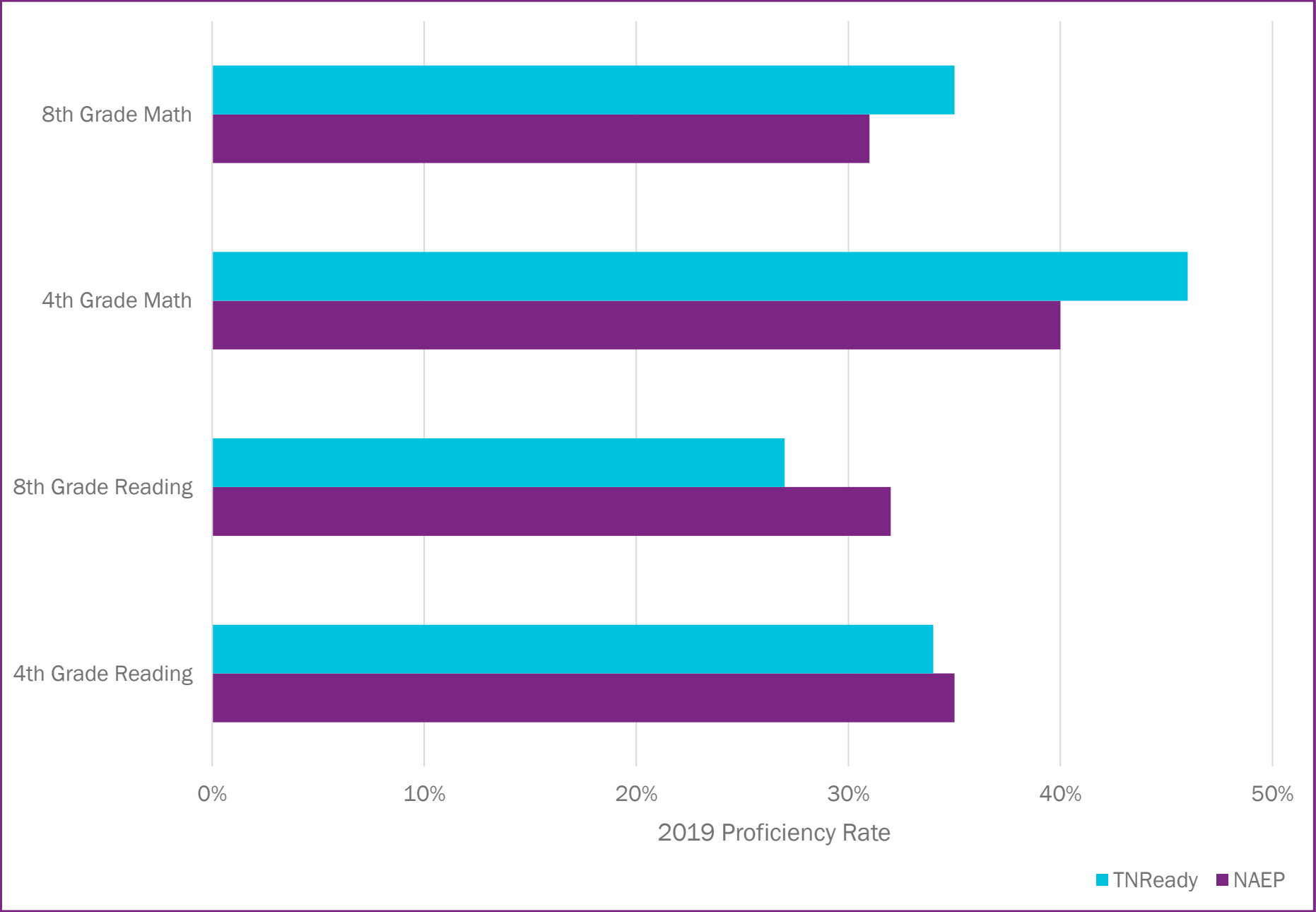
Historic Growth in Student Achievement



Stanford Study:
Student Growth
2009-2015

Reardon, S.F. (2018). Educational opportunity in early and middle childhood: Variation by place and age.

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TENNESSEE RISES IN THE NATION'S REPORT CARD RANKINGS 2019

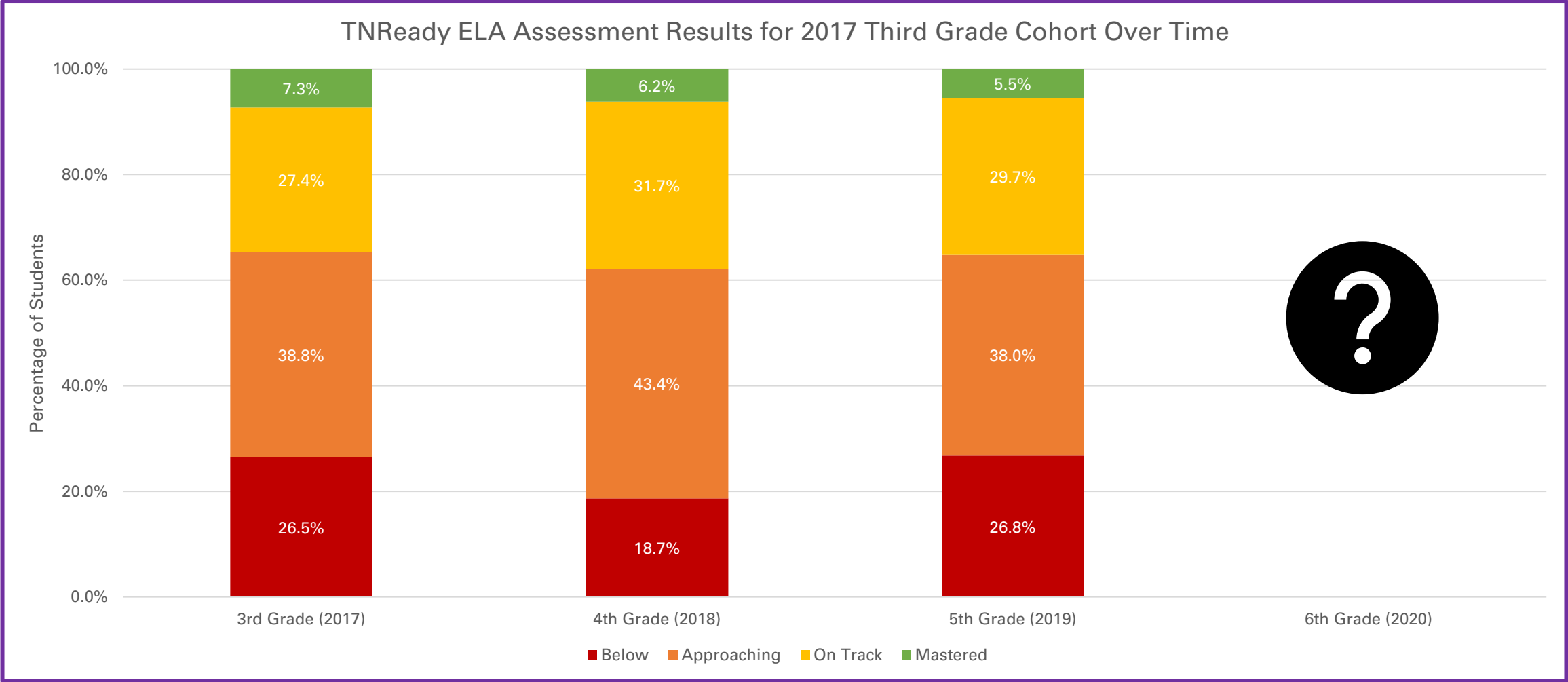
4th Grade Reading: 31st

4th Grade Math: 25th

8th Grade Reading: 30th

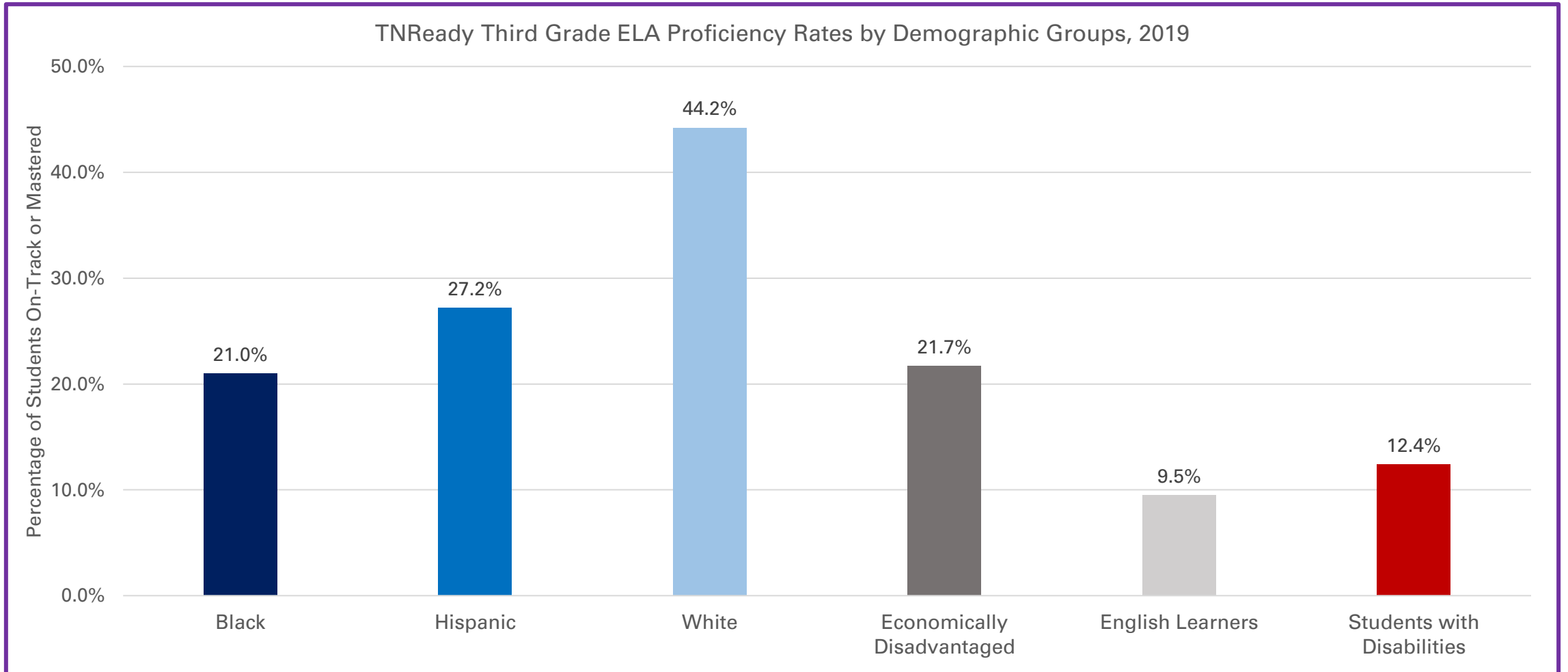
8th Grade Math: 30th

Literacy Performance Changes Little After Third Grade



Source: TDOE (2019).

Large Achievement Gaps Exist Between Student Groups in Third Grade English Language Arts



Source: TDOE (2019).



K-12 Education Policy History

- Higher expectations through academic standards
- Aligned annual statewide assessment
- Culture of data use and transparency

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Higher Education Policy History

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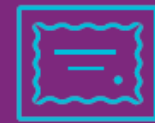
Attainment Matters

- Postsecondary attainment is an essential step in promoting economic independence among Tennesseans.



\$13,000

Average annual income of 2017 graduate who entered the workforce immediately after high school



\$30,000

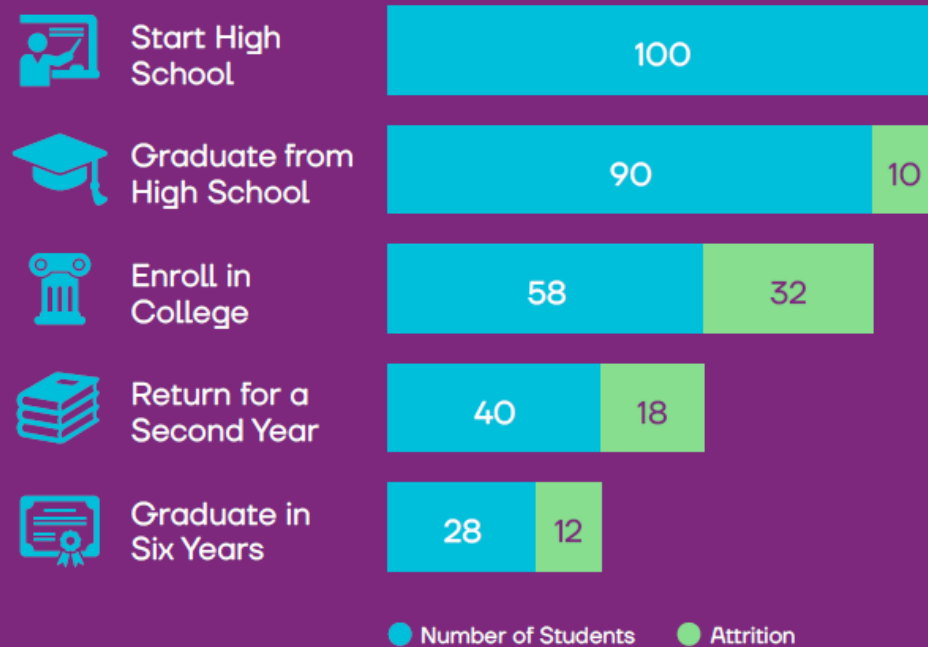
Average annual income premium earned by degree holders



1 MILLION

Tennesseans with some postsecondary education but no degree

A Pipeline In Need Of Repair

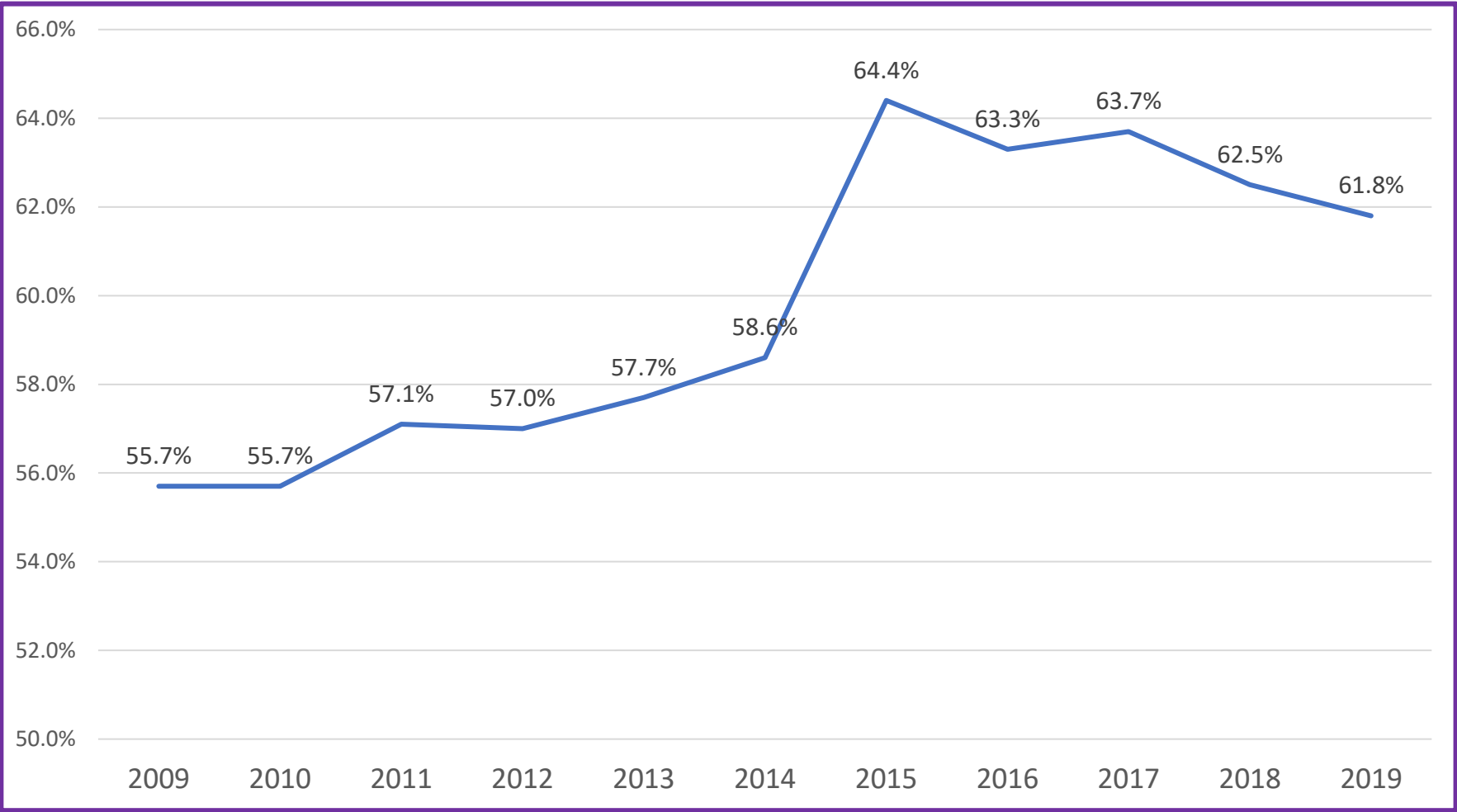


***This visual and its conclusions are drawn from publicly available data. Because of methodological differences, the underlying success rates may be marginally different than the rates used to calculate the 28% figure.

Current success rates across public K-12 and postsecondary institutions in Tennessee suggest that only about 28 percent of students are well served by the system. Here's the math:

- **High School Graduation Rate:** When 100 Tennessee students begin high school, only about 90 of them will graduate, based on our current graduation rate of 89.7 percent, and 10 will not.
- **College-Going Rate:** Of the 90 who graduate high school, only about 58 students will enroll in postsecondary education, based on our college-going rate of 64.1 percent, and 32 will not.
- **First-Year Persistence:** With a persistence rate of 68.6 percent, only about 40 of the 58 students who entered college will return for their second year.
- **Six-Year Graduation Rate, Across All Institutions:** With a six-year postsecondary graduation rate of 48.2 percent for the 58 students who enrolled in college, only about 28 of those initial 100 high school freshmen will earn a postsecondary degree.

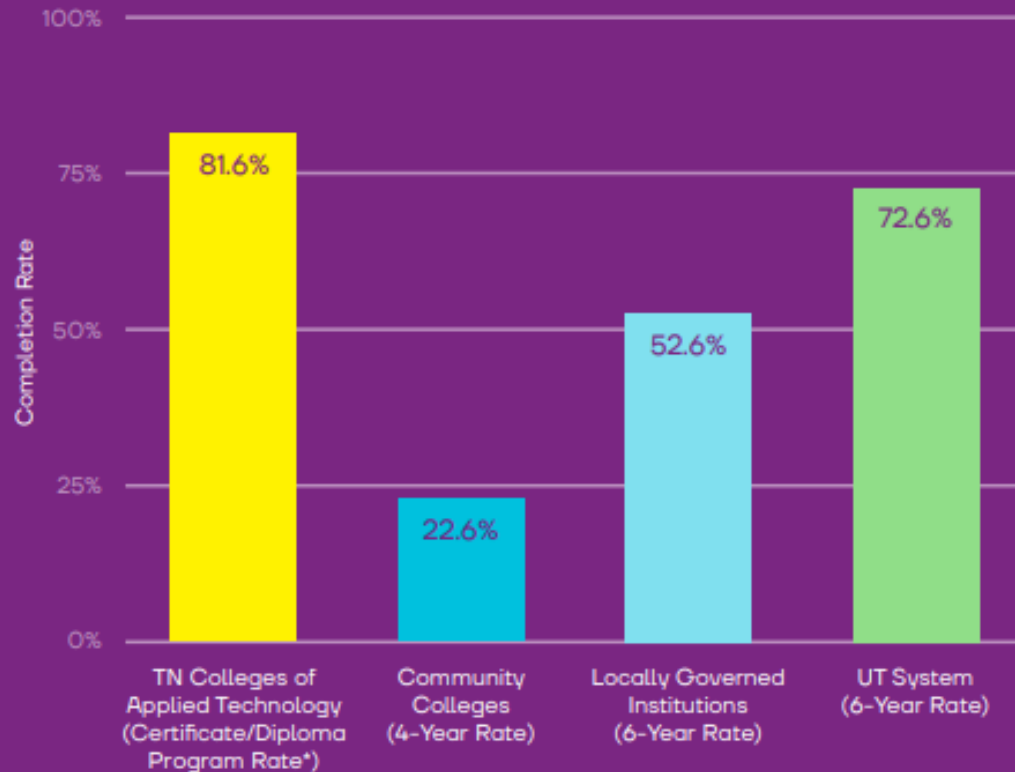
More Tennesseans Are Going To College



Source: THEC Factbooks 2015-2020

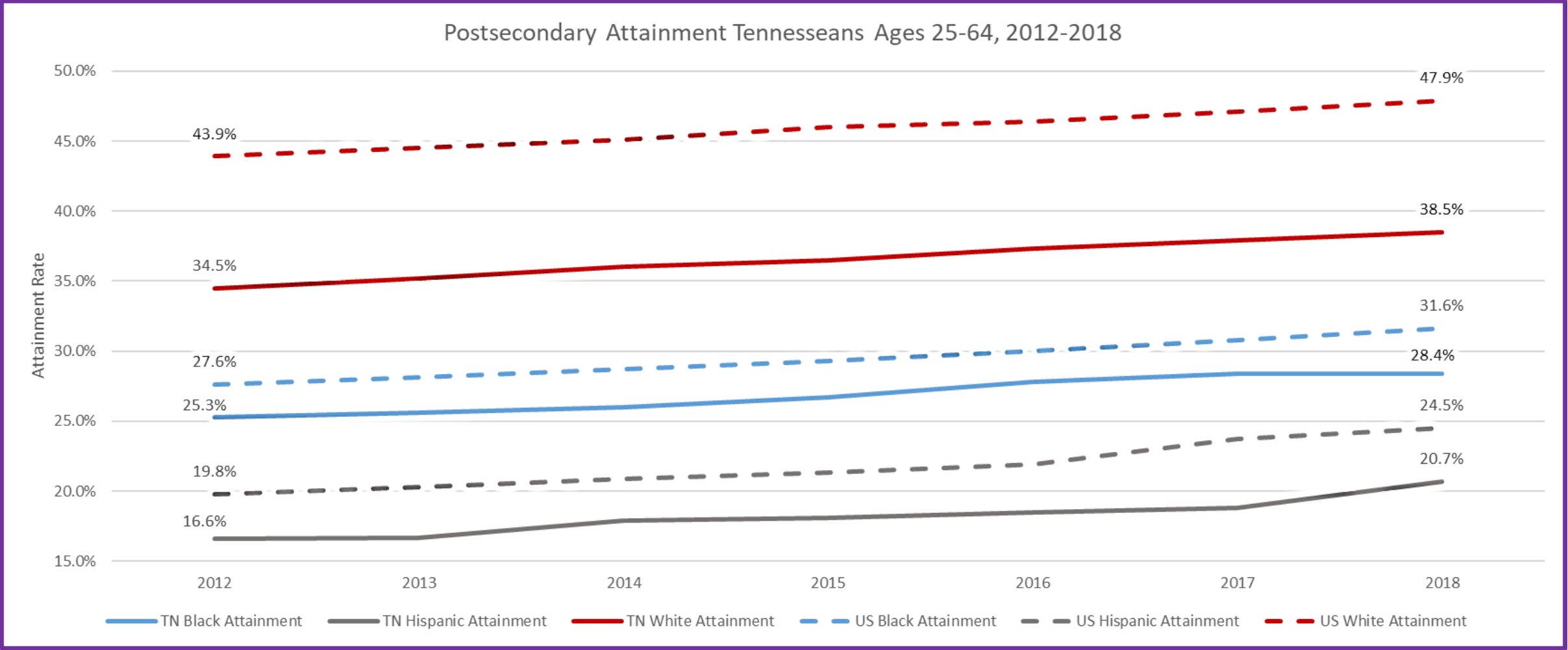
Postsecondary Completion Rates Vary Widely

- Students are more likely to complete their postsecondary education depending on the type of institution they attend.



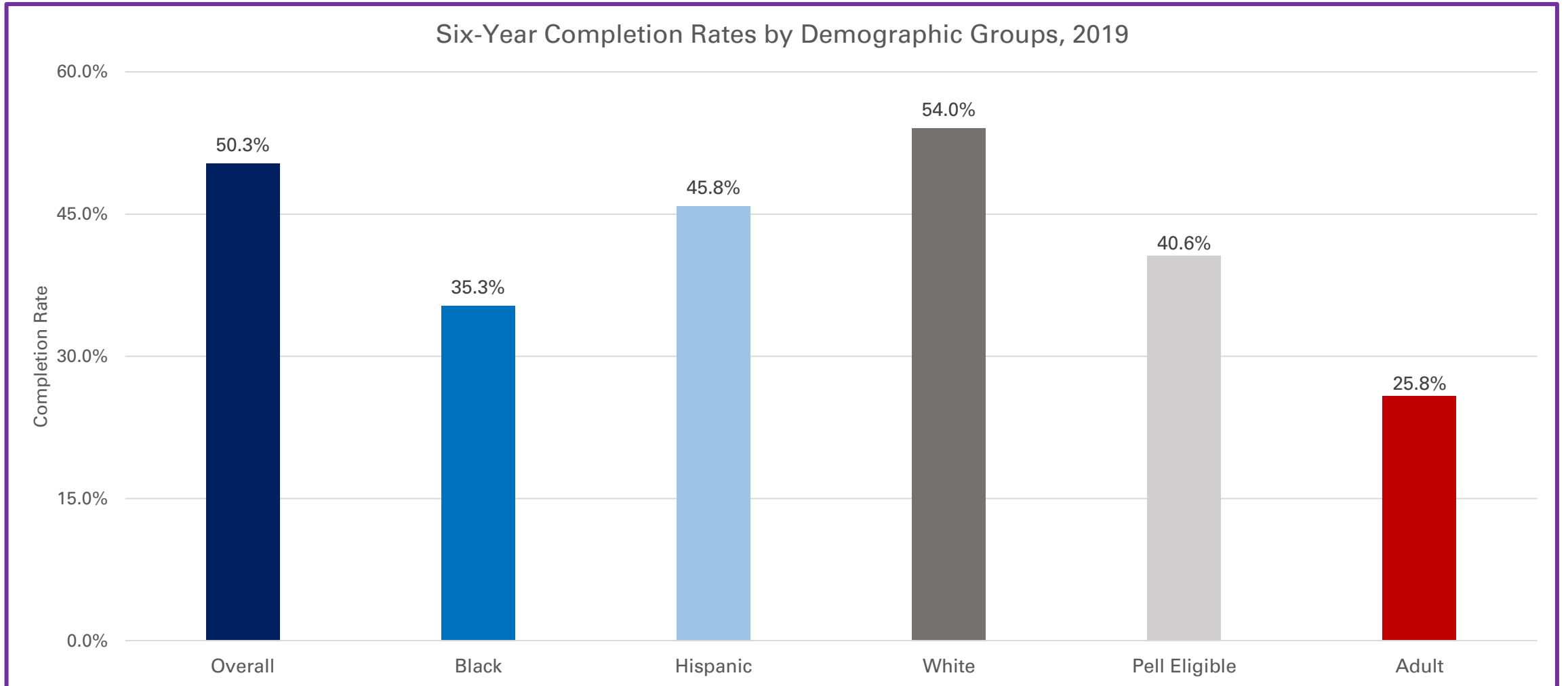
Completion rate by institution type. *TCAT programs shorter than 900 credit hours issue certificates, while those longer than 900 hours issue a diploma.

Attainment Gaps by Race Persist in Tennessee and Nationally



Rates of attainment of an associate degree or higher
Source: Lumina Foundation

Completion Gaps Need Attention

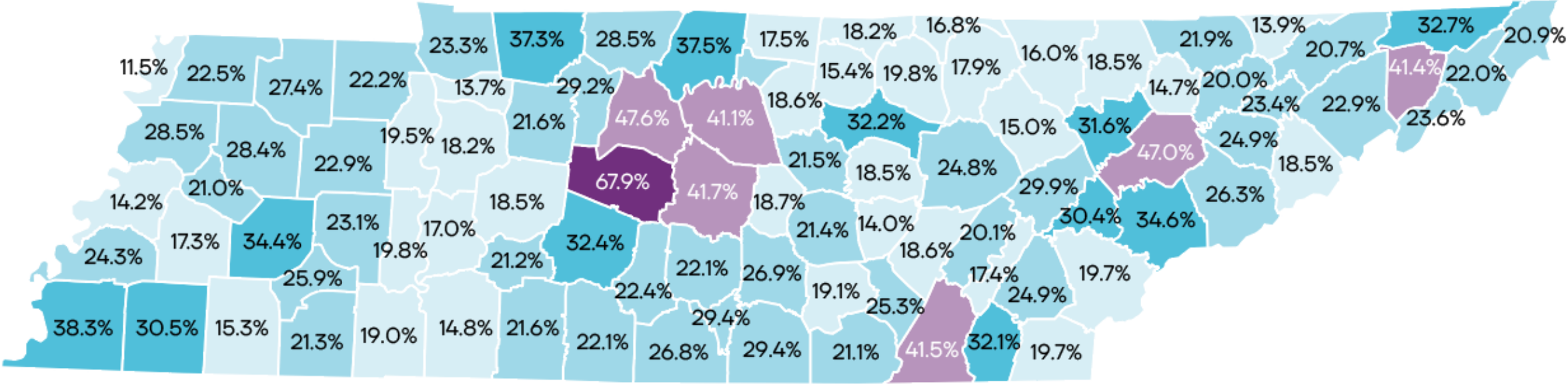


Source: THEC (2019).

TENNESSEANS WITH POSTSECONDARY CREDENTIALS

There is wide variance across Tennessee counties in the percentage of adults with a postsecondary degree or certificate.

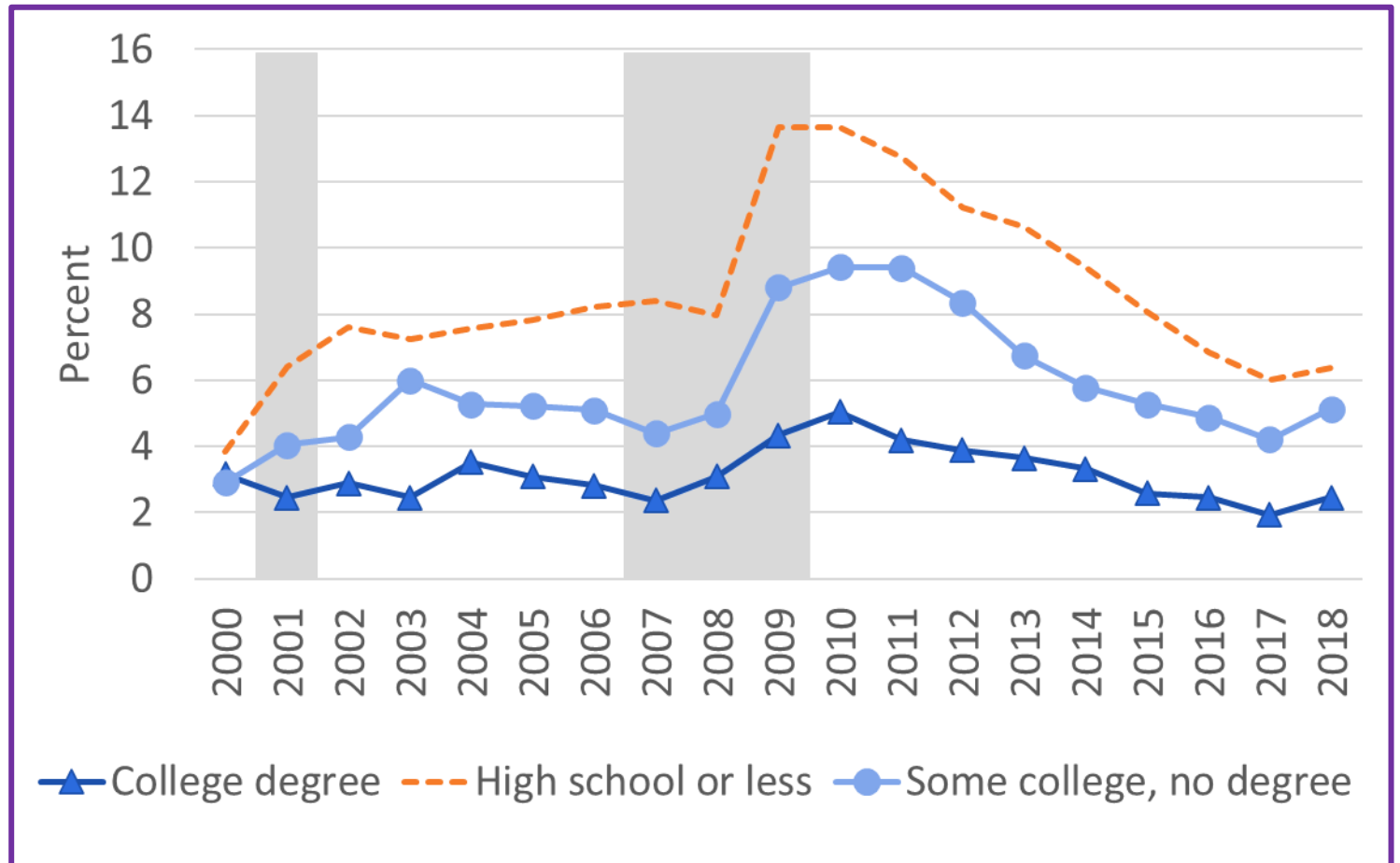
POSTSECONDARY DEGREE ATTAINMENT RATE OF PEOPLE AGES 25-64 BY COUNTY



Source: THEC and Lumina Foundation, 2019

A College Education Offers Protection Against Unemployment

In Tennessee, an education-employment gap emerged in the 2001 recession, widened in 2007-09, and has yet to close.





Higher Education Policy History

- Shifted focus to student outcomes, such as persistence and attainment
- Changed the culture around going to college affordably
- Beginning to align K-12 and postsecondary to workforce

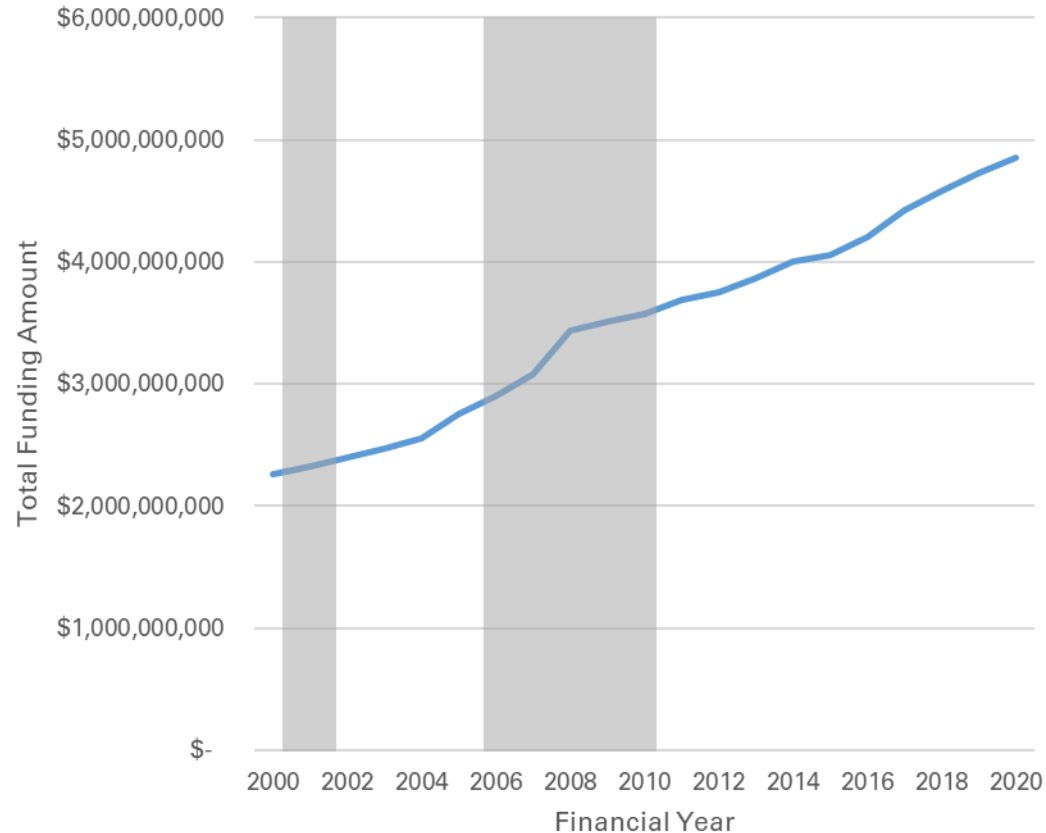
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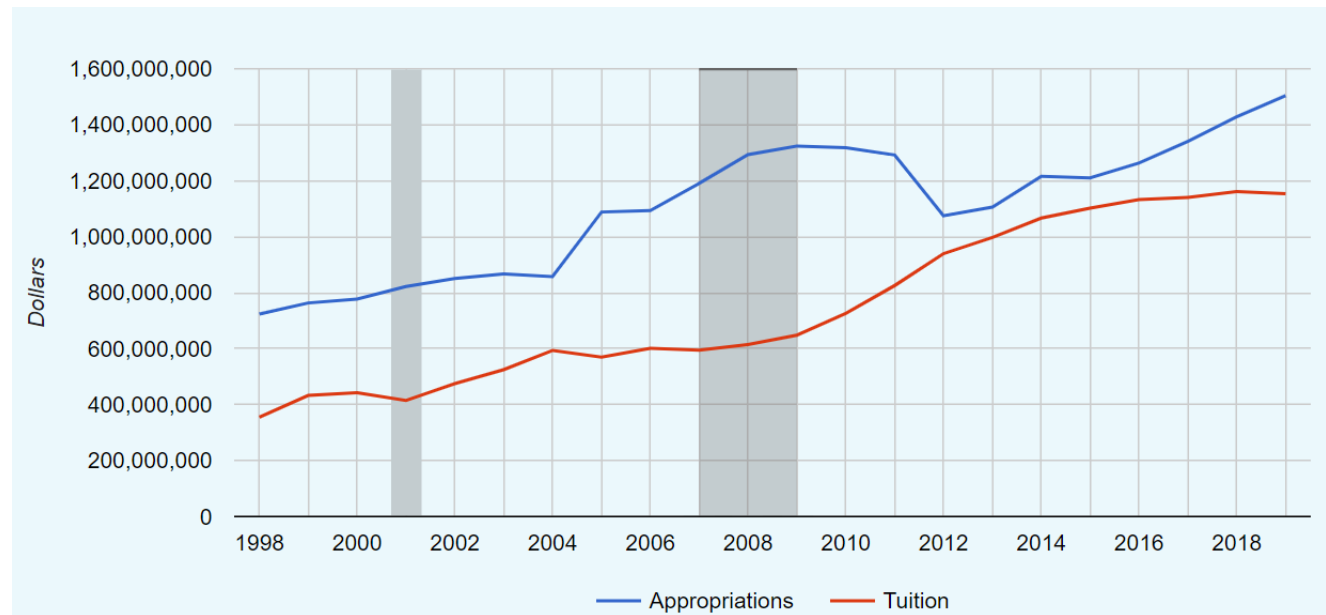
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Tennessee Has Record of Protecting Education Funding During Recessions

BEP Total Funding, 2000-2020

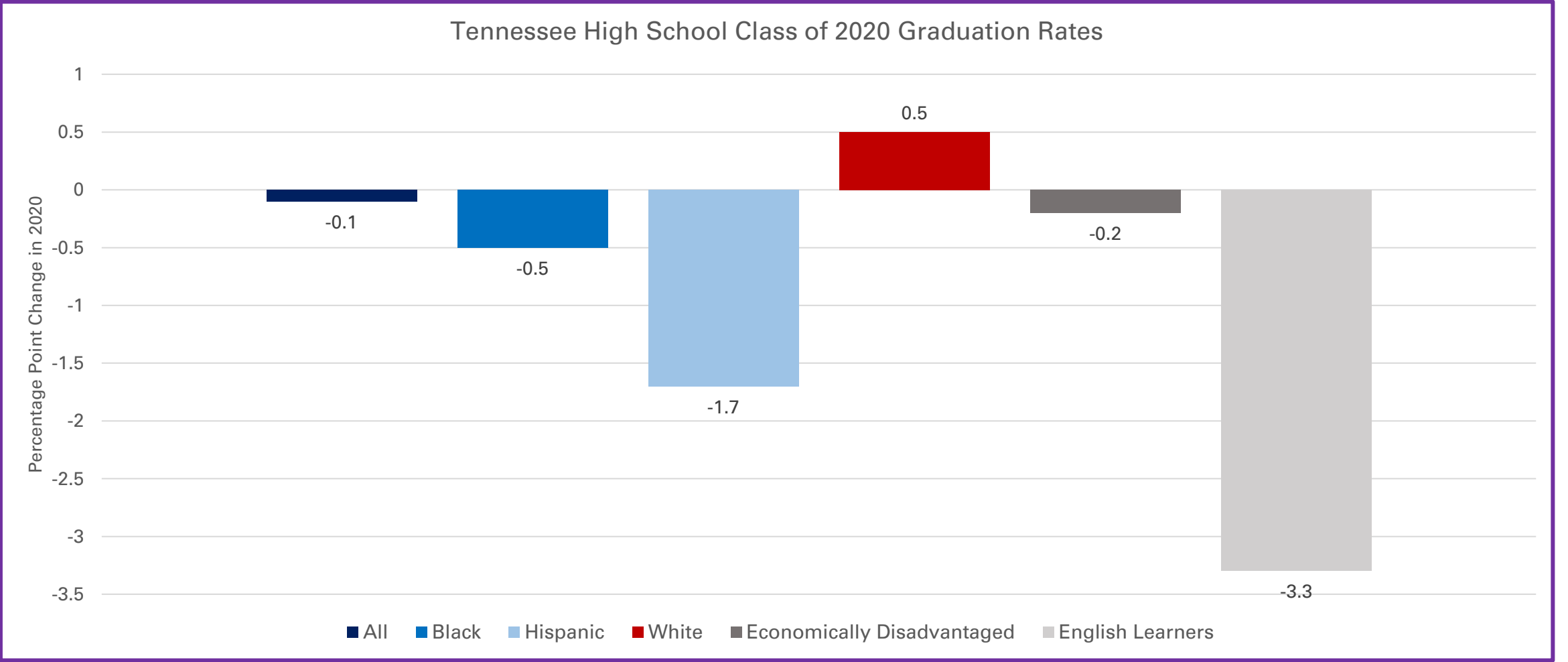


Tennessee Higher Education Appropriations and Tuition, 1998-2018



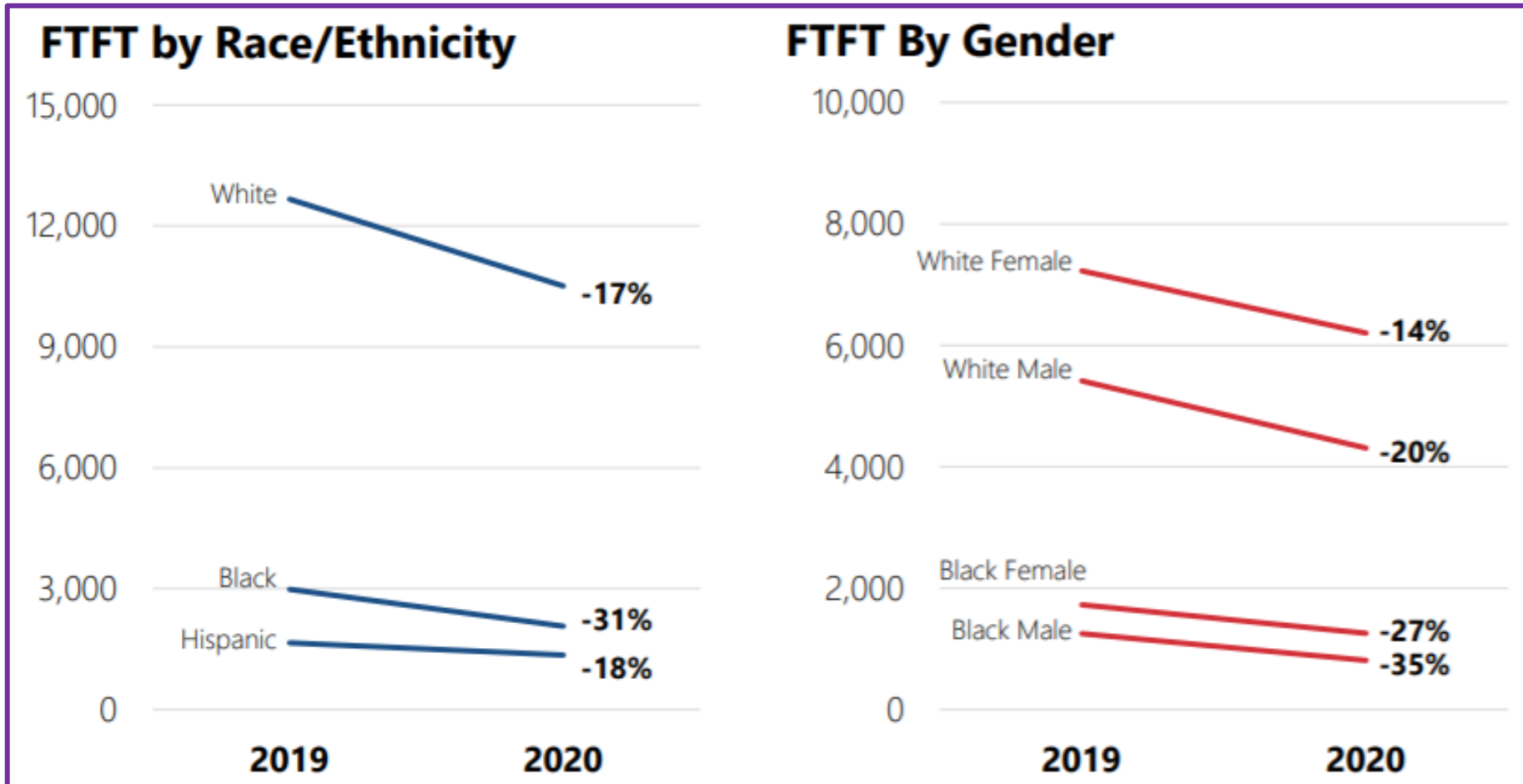
Source: State of Tennessee (2020) and SHEEO (2020).

2020 Graduation Rates Declined



Source: TDOE (2020).

Total First-Time, Full-Time Freshman Enrollment at Tennessee Community Colleges is Down 19%



Source: TBR (2020).

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Conclusion

- Build on the education policy foundation
- Seek out data to make evidence-based recommendations
- Target supports to the students who need it the most
- Set a bold vision for the future of education in Tennessee





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